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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE
RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INCLUDE HEALTH AS A PRIORITY IN LAND
USE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS.

1 WHEREAS, obesity is a major health and economic concern for
2 Hawaii and the nation, causing higher medical costs and lower
3 quality of life; and
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5 WHEREAS, in Hawaii one in three children entering
6 kindergarten is overweight or obese and one in two adults is
7 overweight or obese; and
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9 WHEREAS obesity-related medical expenditures in Hawaii were
10 calculated to be over \$470 million in 2009, and are continuing
11 to rise; and
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13 WHEREAS, obesity is a complex and multifaceted issue
14 requiring the collaboration of stakeholders in government, non-
15 profit, private and health care sectors to create systematic
16 large-scale environmental changes; and
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18 WHEREAS, in the past two decades, the environments that
19 affect opportunities for physical activity have changed
20 drastically and obesity prevention initiatives need to focus on
21 creating environments that provide opportunities for physical
22 activity; and
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24 WHEREAS, due to the significant effect of the built
25 environment on health and the direct effect that transportation
26 decisions have on land use and community design, Hawaii must
27 work on transforming the current transportation and land use
28 planning systems to achieve transportation and land use policies
29 that promote health;
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31 WHEREAS, all levels of government (federal, state, and
32 local) have important responsibilities in transportation and

1 land use planning. From zoning regulations to the construction
2 of transportation systems, government decisions regarding land
3 use have a significant impact on public health; and
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5 WHEREAS, public health practitioners have a critical role
6 to play to achieve this transformation; and
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8 WHEREAS, discussion between public health practitioners and
9 all levels of government needs to take place to ensure
10 coordination and collaboration between transportation and land
11 use planning stakeholders; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED that collaboration between state agencies is
14 encouraged when developing policies that impact environmental
15 factors that contribute to poor health and inequities; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
18 requested to establish a Healthy Community Design Task Force
19 tasked with:
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- 21 (1) Developing legislative recommendations that include
22 improved health as a priority in land use planning and
23 transportation decisions, including, but not limited
24 to creating policies and funding for bicycle and
25 pedestrian facilities on all appropriate streets,
26 roads and highways statewide and adding health as a
27 consideration in land use planning policies and
28 decisions;
- 29 (2) Identification of agencies with funding or regulatory
30 resources that can influence transportation and land
31 use planning;
- 32 (3) Creation of goals and performance metrics for outcomes
33 including but not limited to health and obesity;
- 34 (4) Creation of an action plan to achieve those metrics,
35 the action plan should address changes needed in laws,
36 policies, procedures, agency funding and regulatory
37 processes; and
- 38 (5) Identification of synergistic initiatives and
39 organizations for successful implementation of the
40 action plan, including, but not limited to Aging in
41 Place, reduction of Hawaii's dependence on imported
42 fuel, mitigation of Hawaii's congestion problem
43 particularly with respect to Honolulu, climate change,
44 and safe routes to school; and

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthy Community Design
3 Task Force include but not be limited to:
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- 5 (1) One member of the Governor's staff, appointed by the
6 Governor;
7 (2) One member to be appointed by the Governor from a list
8 of two names submitted by the President of the Senate;
9 (3) One member to be appointed by the Governor from a list
10 of two names submitted by the President of the House
11 of Representatives;
12 (4) The Director of Health or Director's designee;
13 (5) The Director of Transportation or Director's designee;
14 (6) The Director of the Department of Land and Natural
15 Resources or director's designee;
16 (7) The Superintendent of Education or Superintendent's
17 designee;
18 (8) A representative from County Department of Parks and
19 Recreation;
20 (9) A representative from each County's Public Works
21 Department;
22 (10) A representative from each County's Planning
23 Department;
24 (11) A representative from each County's Transportation
25 Department;
26 (12) A representative from the University of Hawaii's
27 Department of Urban and Regional Planning or
28 Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering;
29 (13) A representative from the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
30 Organization;
31 (14) A representative from the Federal Highway
32 Administration;
33 (15) Three members having demonstrated interest in and
34 having backgrounds beneficial to areas such as active
35 transportation, land use planning, transportation,
36 public health, and other related areas; and

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is
38 requested to submit a report of its findings and
39 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
40 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
41 the convening of the regular session of 2015; and

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force
43 serve without compensation and receive no reimbursement for
44 expenses; and

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
3 requested to assist the task force by providing a facilitator;
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force cease to exist
7 on June 30, 2015; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
11 Director of Health, Director of Transportation, each County's
12 Public Works Department, Transportation Department, and Planning
13 Department, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the
14 Federal Highway Administration.
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17 OFFERED BY:



18 BY REQUEST

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: URGING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INCLUDE HEALTH AS A PRIORITY IN LAND USE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to align state agency transportation, housing, and land use policy to address social determinants of health.

MEANS: Adoption of the proposed concurrent resolution.

JUSTIFICATION: Physical activity is known as an effective prevention strategy for obesity. Greater consideration of bicycle lanes, walking and jogging lanes, and community playgrounds should be considered in transportation and land use planning projects.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH 495.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Transportation; County planning offices.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.